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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

MIMOZA FERRAJ BABA, individually and as executrix of the estate of RESMI FERRAJ.

PLAINTIFF,

V.

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA, a sovereign nation; MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, TRADE AND ENERGY OF ALBANIA, an Albanian government agency; ALBPETROL, SH.A., an Albanian corporate entity wholly owned by the Albanian government; JOHN/JANE DOES 1-20, fictitious names representing unknown individuals; ABC ENTITIES 1-20, fictitious names representing unknown entities.

DEFENDANTS.

**CIVIL ACTION** 

DOCKET NO.: 12-4333 (ES)

AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW T. RINALDO IN OPPOSITION TO DISMISSAL

- I, Matthew T. Rinaldo, Esq., of full age, hereby certify as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney at law of the State of New Jersey with the law office of Rinaldo and,

Rinaldo Associates.

- 2. I represent the Plaintiff Mimoza Ferraj Baba in the above captioned case and as such I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances of the litigation, and whether defendants were served the Complaint.
- 3. Pursuant to the Court's Notice of Call For Dismissal dated August 8, 2013, made returnable on September 4, 2013, I make the Affidavit in opposition to a dismissal of the case at this time.
  - 4. On July 12, 2012, I filed a Complaint in the within matter.
- 5. Since Defendants are located in a foreign jurisdictions, I followed the steps for service outlined in the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents and Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 4(f)(1).
- 6. On July 27, 2012, I did cause to be mailed, by certified mail, copies of a Waiver of the service of Summons, Filed Complaint, Filed Civil Cover Sheet, and Filed Exhibit to the

Complaint to:

Republic of Albania, Certified Mail # 7010 1870 0002 7194 1457 Ruga George W. Bush Tirana 1010. Albania

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy of Albaina, Certified Mail # 7012 1870 0002 7194 1464 Blvd. Deshmoret e Kombit No. 2 Tirana, Albania

Albertrol, Sh.A. Certified Mail # 7010 1870 0002 7194 1471 Patos Fier, Albania

7. On July 28, 2012, I did cause to be mailed by express mail, copies of a Waiver of the service of Summons, Filed Complaint, Filed Civil Cover Sheet, and Filed Exhibit to the Complaint to:

Republic of Albania, Express Mail #EI 500753980US Ruga George W. Bush Tirana 1010. Albania

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy of Albania, Express Mail # EI 500754733US Blvd. Deshmoret e Kombit No. 2 Tirana, Albania

Albertrol, Sh.A. Express Mail # EI 500754747US Patos Fier, Albania

8. The United States Post Office confirmed the delivery of both mailings to the

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy of Albania and Albpetrol.

- 9. Thereafter, on or about August 14, 2012, the mailing sent to Republic of Albania was returned to this office..
  - 10. Thereafter, Plaintiff supplied this office with the names and addresses of the Prime

Minister of Albania and Advisor to Prime Minister on Economy and we thus sent via express

mail copies of the aforementioned summons, complaint, cover sheet and exhibit to:

Prime Minister Express Mail #EM632591345US Prof. Dr. Sali Bersiha Bulevardi Dëshmoret e Kombit N. 1, 1000 Tiranë, Albania

Advisor to Prime Minister on Economy, Express Mail # EM632591331US
Petraq Milo
Bulevard Dëshmoret e Kombit
N. 1, 1000
Tiranë, Albania

11. On September 5, 2012, the United States Post Office confirmed delivery to both the

Prime Minister and Advisor to Prime Minister on Economy.

12. On January 24, 2013, a State Attorney of Albania filed a letter Answer to the

Complaint and among other issues stated that since the fall of communism and the institution of a new regime, a new legal framework has been established dealing with the restitution of

immovable properties to the former owners expropriated by the communist regime.

- 13. The governing body of Albania's new Prime Minister is slated to be sworn in mid-September.
- 14. There is a possibility that the issues which form the subject matter of this lawsuit can be amicably worked out under the new regime.
- 15. I respectfully request that this Honorable Court not dismiss the lawsuit at this time and give the parties 90 days to negotiate a resolution of the matter.
- 16. If the matter is not resolved within said 90 day time frame, it is my intention to move for entry of a default judgment.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true. I understand that if any of the foregoing statements made are wilfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Respectfully submitted

RIMALDO AND RINALDO ASSOCIATES

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Matthew T. Rinaldo

Dated: August 28, 2013